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#### Issue Area:

In addition to HR 3075, a \$2.4 billion paid-for package [dollars expressed as additions to costs in HR 3075]

#### Hospitals:

Freeze indirect medical education cut for 1 year more than HR 3075 (\$0.2); Freeze disproportionate share hospital cuts for 1 year more than HR 3075 (\$0); Carve out DSH payments from payments to M+C plans. Moves about \$1 billion per year to the nation's safety net hospitals; is not in HR 3075 (\$0).

#### Rural hospitals:

Tanner Amendment to protect rural and cancer hospitals against outpatient department PPS cuts (HR 3075 phases in cuts to these hospitals, still leaving huge payment reductions) (\$0.2).

#### \$1500 therapy caps:

Strike HR 3075 limits by suspending caps for 2 years while a new, more rational system is developed (net \$0).

#### Community health centers & rural CHCs:

Establish a PPS system which protects CHCs against State Medicaid cuts (\$0.2).

#### Nursing homes:

Raise HR 3075's payment to high acuity cases from 10% to 30% (\$0.1); Raise HR 3075's nursing home inflation adjustment from 0.8% in FY01 to 1% (\$0.1) and authorize extra payments for hi cost of living in Hawaii and Alaska.

#### Physicians:

Study of why payment rates in certain States and Puerto Rico are low.

#### Home health:

Provide \$250 million "outlier" pool for home health agencies that treat tough cases (\$0.3) HR 1917, by Rep. Jim McGovern and 102 cosponsors.

#### Hospice:

Eliminate 1% cut in FY 01 and 02 (\$0.2).

#### Medicaid:

Help for Medicaid DSH formula errors in NM, DC, MN, and WY (\$0.2) Permanent fix for CA Medicaid DSH problem \$0; Help families not lose Medicaid coverage as a result of delinking of welfare and Medicaid eligibility (\$0.2).

#### CHIPs:

Increase CHIPs amount for Possessions and provide technical fix to CHIPs formula (\$0.1).

#### Beneficiary improvements:

Immuno-suppressive drugs, cover without a time limit (\$0.3); Allow States to require M+C plans to cover certain benefits (like MA used to do with Rx (\$0); Allow people abandoned by M+C plans to buy a medi-gap policy which covers Rx (\$0); Coverage of cancer treatment for low-income women (\$0.3) HR 1070, by Rep Eshoo and Lazio and 271 cosponsors.

#### Pay-fors:

3 Medicare items from President's budget: mental health partial hospitalization reform, Medicare Secondary Payer data match, and pay for outpatient drugs at 83% of average wholesale price. (\$2.4).

### CONGRATULATING JOSEPH MOFFETT ON HIS BEING SELECTED TO COMPETE IN THE NATIONAL BIRDING COMPETITION

#### HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 8, 1999

Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Joseph Moffett for being selected to the ABA/Leica Tropicbirds Team of 1999. Joseph, along with three other youths, has been chosen to compete in The Florida Space Coast Flyway Festival birdathon. This is a national birding competition which will be held on November 13, 1999.

Joseph, who is fifteen years old, lives in Mendon, Massachusetts and is a member of the ABA and the Massachusetts Audubon Society. Joe is also a member of many other birding clubs including; the Brookline Bird Club, the Forbush Bird Club, and the Stony Brook Bird Club. Joe works at the Stony Brook Audubon Sanctuary as a volunteer naturalist and a councilor in training. Joe also takes part in the Christmas Bird Count and Massachusetts Audubon Birdathon fund-raiser. Joe keeps lists of the birds he sees on various birding outings and submits them to the Bird Observer, a birding journal.

In addition to Joe's birding skills, he is also a proponent of environmental protection. Joe has started a rainforest club in his school and has raised money to save acreage of a rainforest. Most of the birding events that Joe participates in are also fund-raisers, which raise money for the protection of new bird species that are found during the events and for the protection of birds in general.

Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to congratulate Joseph Moffett on his accomplishments and commend him for being a model citizen and a great influence to his community.

### CONFERENCE REPORT ON S. 900, GRAMM-LEACH-BLILEY ACT

SPEECH OF

#### HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 4, 1999

Ms. LEE. Madam Speaker, I rise to express my concern as well as that of my constituents

regarding the Senate version, the Gramm version, of the Financial Services Modernization Act.

The initial report by the media that the conference report met the expectations of consumer advocates raised hopes that the Senate would meet the House's commitment to two major aspects of this critically important bill: the Community Reinvestment Act provisions and the necessary protection of the privacy of consumer, customer information, and records. I continue to want to vote for a Financial Services Modernization bill.

I want to address the importance of the Community Reinvestment Act which is also known as CRA. This act was passed almost 30 years ago to say that banks should also lend to low-income customers and neighborhoods in their areas of operation. In the 23 years of bank practices to meet CRA provisions, an impressive \$1 trillion has been generated as loans to low-income customers; the clear majority of banks recognize the value of CRA as a powerful tool to build community trust and respect for the otherwise cold marble and steel of stone-hearted bankers.

Let me share a success story of CRA in my community, affecting my constituents in Oakland and adjoining cities. The success story is about an old, crumbling, and once-beloved vegetable and meat market known as Swan's Marketplace.

In the last two decades, as residents and businesses flowed out of downtown, Swan's found it more and more difficult to survive. It finally had to close. Stories were written about its demise. It took years, but the city government and the people of Oakland and community agencies knowledgeable about CRA, our community heroes, the very same people that Senator GRAMM so recklessly labels as "extortionists," pulled together, in a magnificent civil effort to create a wonderful center combining almost every aspect of community development into one square city block. The heroes and heroines who put this together say: "We have a market, affordable housing, services to special populations and community revitalization. On top of that, we've included use of the arts for economic development and restored and preserved a city historic landmark."

I hardly have to add that the housing is a wonderful plus in an area with severe housing shortages, and that jobs have been created, and that an essential community success has added to the revitalization of a declining downtown not only during the day but also at night.

Swan's was complex from a banking perspective. "There's nothing commonplace about it" said a representative from a large local bank that provided a \$7.8 million construction loan. CRA had encouraged banks to look at financing difficult projects that benefit communities. Before CRA, banks may have dismissed the project as too difficult, but CRA has provided the needed motivation which has prompted banks to successfully invest in communities.

The story of CRA's important role in the reformation of Swan's Marketplace is not a rare occurrence. Community after community have called on members of the Banking Committee and the Commerce Committee to protect, and to include the CRA provisions in any banking modernization bill. I have worked since I